

First Grade Summer Reading Booklist

Required Readings: Choose at least one.

Most children will not be able to read these books independently. Please feel free to read these selections to your child.

I Like Me by Nancy Carlson

By admiring her finer points and showing that she can take care of herself and have fun even when there's no one else around, a charming pig proves the best friend you can have is yourself.

Leo the Late Bloomer by Robert Kraus

Leo, a young tiger, finally blooms under the anxious eyes of his parents.

Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes

Chrysanthemum loves her name, until she starts going to school and the other children make fun of it.

Student Choice: Choose at least two.

Fiction

One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish by Dr. Seuss

This story-poem is about the activities of such unusual animals as the Nook, Wump, Yink, Yop, Gack, and the Zeds.

Young Cam Jansen and the Library Mystery by David Adler

Cam uses her photographic memory to find a shopping list that her dad lost at the library.

The Art Lesson by Tomie DePaola

Having learned to be creative in drawing pictures at home, young Tommy is dismayed when he goes to school and finds the art lesson there much more regimented.

Don't Forget the Bacon by Pat Hutchins

A little boy goes grocery shopping for his mother and tries hard to remember her instructions.

The Doorbell Rang by Pat Hutchins

Each time the doorbell rings, there are more people who have come to share Ma's wonderful cookies.

George and Martha by James Marshall

Relates several episodes in the friendship of two hippopotamuses.

Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss

In verse, Sam-I-am tells of the virtues of green eggs and ham.

Everybody Needs a Rock by Byrd Baylor

Describes the qualities to consider in selecting the perfect rock for play and pleasure.

A Letter to Amy by Ezra Jack Keats

Peter wants to invite Amy to his birthday party but he wants it to be a surprise.

Swimmy by Leo Lionni

Swimmy, a small black fish, finds a way to protect a school of small red fish from their natural enemies.

Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey

A family of mallard ducks searches for a new home in Boston.

Ira Sleeps Over by Bernard Waber

A little boy is excited at the prospect of spending the night at his friend's house but worries how he'll get along without his teddy bear.

Nonfiction

Old Mother Hubbard and Her Wonderful Dog by Sarah Martin (James Marshall, illustrator)
Old Mother Hubbard runs errand after errand for her remarkable dog.

This Land is Your Land by Woody Guthrie (Kathy Jakobsen, illustrator)
This well-known folk song is accompanied by a tribute from folksinger Pete Seeger, the musical notation, and a biographical scrapbook with photographs.

Goldilocks and the Three Bears by Jan Brett
Lost in the woods, a tired and hungry girl finds the house of the three bears where she helps herself to food and goes to sleep.

Tops and Bottoms by Janet Stevens
Hare turns his bad luck around by striking a clever deal with the rich and lazy bear down the road.

The Owl and the Pussycat by Edward Lear (Jan Brett, illustrator)
After a courtship voyage of a year and a day, Owl and Pussy finally buy a ring from Piggy and are blissfully married.

I am Rosa Parks by Rosa Parks
Rosa Parks, the African-American woman who refused to give up her seat on a bus to a white man in 1955, tells why she decided it was time to take a stand against segregation, and discusses the impact of her actions on the Civil Rights movement.

Recommended Authors:

Eric Carle, Leo Lionni, Virginia Lee Burton, Mother Goose, Margaret Wise Brown, Dr. Seuss, Robert McCloskey, Beatrix Potter, H.A. Rey, Vera Williams, Mem Fox, Alike, Jack Prelutsky, David McPhail, Charlotte Zolotow, Grace Lin, Tomie DePaola, Rosemary Wells, Jan Brett